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July 25, 1973

Honorable John Melcher
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Melcher:

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Department officials are looking into the matter, and I will write you again as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Marshall Wright
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

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Honorable Lee Metcalf
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Metcalf:

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United States Senate
Office of the Majority Leader
Washington, D.C. 20510

June 28, 1973

Honorable William Rogers
Secretary
Department of State
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Secretary:

In January 1973, the Department of Defense provided us with a memorandum under signature of the Secretary indicating that in the Department's view provisions of the ABM Treaty could not be interpreted as providing a prohibition against civilian utilization of the water pipeline from the Tiber Reservoir to the former Malmstrom ABM site.

There continues to be some confusion as to whether or not the opinion of the Secretary of Defense is sufficiently firm to allow the Senate and House Appropriations Committees to consider a funding request for civilian utilization.

As Secretary of State, your assistance is requested in providing documentation from the Treaty which signifies the agreement between the United States and the Soviet government concerning the dismantling and inactivation of the ABM site construction in the State of Montana.

With best personal wishes, we are

Sincerely yours,

Mike Mansfield
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